



South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry**

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### **PROCEDURES FOR REINSTATEMENT**

Per South Carolina Law you will need to appear before the Board at a reinstatement hearing to determine reinstatement eligibility, provide proof of attending required continuing education, and pay past renewal and reinstatement fees. Reinstatement hearings are conducted at Board meetings; upon receipt of your application you will be contacted concerning hearing information.

Please contact Missy Jones, [missy.jones@llr.sc.gov](mailto:missy.jones@llr.sc.gov), for further instructions on reinstating your license. Once your reinstatement fees have been calculated, you will be emailed a Reinstatement Application.

#### **S.C. Opticianry Regulations states:**

##### **96-107. Reinstatement of Lapsed License or *Lapsed Apprenticeship*.**

- A. If a license or an apprenticeship lapses, the optician or apprentice must:
  1. apply for reinstatement on a form approved by the Board; and
  2. pay all fees for each twelve (12) month period during which the license or the apprenticeship was lapsed; and
  3. submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant for reinstatement has completed continuing education hours for each twelve (12) month period during which the license or the apprenticeship was lapsed; and
  4. pay a fifty (\$50.00) dollar reinstatement fee for reinstatement of the license or the apprenticeship.
- B. If a license or an apprenticeship has been lapsed more than two (2) years, the optician or apprentice must:
  1. **appear before the Board to determine if the license or apprenticeship should be reinstated and the terms under which the reinstatement is to be made;** and
  2. meet all the qualifications as set forth in Section (A) above.
- C. Apprenticeships may only be reinstated when the apprenticeship training has been continuous.

**IMPORTANT:** Apprentices must **complete a pre-approved formal optical education program** prior to sitting for the South Carolina Practical Examination that is required for a license to practice Opticianry. The Career Progression Program, along with others, are pre-approved programs. Contact the Board office if additional information is needed concerning this requirement.

Per South Carolina Law you will need to:

- complete a reinstatement application
- appear before the Board at a reinstatement hearing to determine reinstatement eligibility
- provide proof of attending required continuing education
- pay back renewal and reinstatement fees